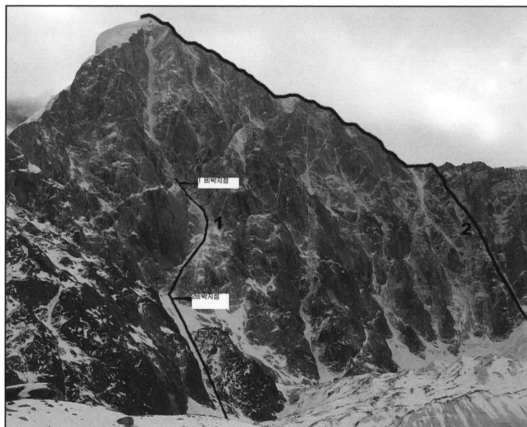


*Mt. Grosvenor (6,376m), northwest face direct, attempt.* Three Korean climbers, Ahn Chi-young, Heo Young-cheol and Yun Young-Joon, from the Wand Alpine Club attempted the northwest face of Grosvenor from March 31 to April 21. They retreated from ca 5,600m in the central couloir that leads directly to the summit. This was the line attempted in spring 2003 by Andy Cave and Mick Fowler, who retreated from a point slightly higher than the Koreans when faced with a loose and protectionless slanting groove choked with powder snow. The mountain was climbed later in the year for its only ascent by Julie-Ann Clyma and Roger Payne, who followed a much shorter line on the far right side of the face to gain the west ridge.

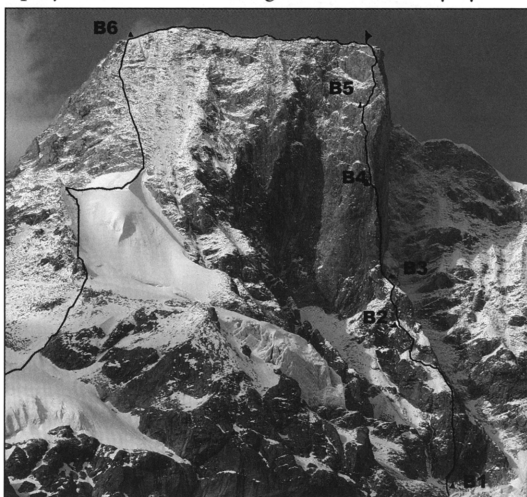


Northwest face of Grosvenor with (1) 2009 Korean attempt, and (2) 2003 Clyma-Payne route to summit. *Wand AC Expedition, supplied by Peter Jensen-Choi*

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*Peak 6,134m, Carte Blanche.* Mikhail Mikhailov and I planned to be in Sichuan by mid-March. Our goal was the southeast face of Edgar (E Gongga, 6,618m), a large, steep, mixed granite wall. However, at the last minute the Chinese authorities canceled our permit because of the 50th anniversary celebrations in Tibet. Fortunately, a month later China reopened its doors, and it was not too late to continue with our project. We flew to Chengdu, traveled easily by road to Moxi on the east side of the Minya Konka Range and walked for only three hours with horses up the Yangzigou Valley to an altitude of 3,150m. "Base camp is here," said the horsemen, and, pointing vaguely to the north as they set off for home, added, "and your mountain is somewhere there." We were also told that Koreans had climbed Edgar, when we thought it was still virgin.

We then had many days of mist and rain. We examined the gorge leading to the foot of the southeast face, but the wall itself remained invisible. We then decided to go for a four-day acclimatization trip up the valley. During this trip, through a brief clearing in the cloud, we saw a beautiful rock wall



Southwest face of Peak 6,134m above upper Yangzigou Valley. Right-hand line, with bivouac sites indicated, marks Carte Blanche. Left-hand line, descending from B6, shows descent. *Alexander Ruchkin*